Government has implemented a comprehensive legislation aimed at control of tobacco use which includes ban on tobacco advertisement, ban on somking on public places, ban to sale to minors, warning on tobacco products.

Unani dispensary in CGHS dispensary, R.K. Puram

3452. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CGHS Dispensary, Sector 12, R.K. Puram, New Delhi has no laboratory and Unani dispensary;

(b) whether it is also a fact that three years have passed since the construction of CGHS building wherein a floor has been allocated for laboratory, Unani and specialist doctors;

(c) if so, the reasons for delay in establishing the laboratory, Unani dispensary and visit of specialist doctors to the dispensary; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken against the officials responsible for this delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. There is no proposal to open a Unani Unit and a laboratory in CGHS dispensary at Sector XII, R.K. Puram due to constraint of resources.

The services of medical specialists are available in Sector VIII dispensary for the beneficiaries of the CGHS dispensary at Sector XII.

(d) The question does not arise.

Shortage of neuro-surgeon

3453. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute shortage of neuro-surgeons in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the details of measures which are contemplated to encourage medical colleges to start higher courses in neurology and encourage more and more students to specialize in the subject?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Different State Govt, have been giving Essentiality Certificate for starting of different PG/ Superspeciality courses in the medical colleges/institutions in the State based on the need for starting such courses. Based on the Essentiality Certificate given by the State Govt, and other requirement as per MCI norms, Central Govt, is granting permission for starting of such courses after receiving recommendations from Medical Council of India. However, as of now annual intake in M.Ch (Nouro-surgery) & DM (Neurolog) courses is approximately 118 in different Medical Colleges in the country.

Resistance attained by parasites against anti-malaria drugs

3454. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the existing anti-malaria drugs are proving to be ineffective as the parasite has developed resistance to the drugs;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government are considering to introduce a combination of drugs to contain malaria in the country; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) No, Sir. Chloroquine is the first line drug for the treatment of malaria cases and continues to be effective for management of malaria cases in majority of areas. In areas, with resistance to Chloroquine, second line of drugs *i.e.* Sulpha-phrimethamine artesunate combination therapy is recommended for treatment of Plasmodium falciparum malaria cases. The details of the areas where Sulpha-pyrimethamine artesunate combination is recommended are placed at the Statement enclosed.